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TOWN OFFICERS, 1884.

CLERK,

JAMES M. THOMPSON.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR,

OTIS C. NELSON,

CHARLES P. HASKELL,

A. LORING RICHARDS.

TREASURER,

MELVILLE R. BERRY.

SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS,

CHARLES P. HASKELL.

COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE,

BENJAMIN W. MERRILL.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The Annual Reports of the Town Officers of the Town of New Gloucester, for the year ending March 9, 1885, are herewith submitted :

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION.

Total valuation for the year 1884, \$833,535 00
Number of polls, 336. Poll tax, \$2.50. Rate of taxation, .0125 on \$1.00.

ASSESSMENTS.

For State tax,	\$3,282 57	
County tax,	477 57	
	<hr/>	\$3,760 14
Support of schools,	\$1,800 00	
Contingent expenses,	2,000 00	
Repair of school-houses,	300 00	
Webber school-house,	500 00	
Repair of roads and bridges,	2,500 00	
Amount of overlay,	371 54	
Supplemental tax,	27 50	
	<hr/>	7,499 04
Delinquent highway tax,	\$553 82	
Supplemental highway tax,	7 00	
	<hr/>	560 82
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Total amount committed to collector,	\$11,820 00	

RECEIPTS.

The receipts of the town from Feb. 19, 1884, to Feb. 23, 1885, have been as follows :

Received of No. Berwick, pauper expense, \$22 00

Received of Town of Raymond, pauper expense,	\$82 30
Town of Poland, pauper expense,	16 00
Town of Oxford, pauper expense,	11 75
Town of Gray, school money, 1883,	17 04
Town of Gray, school money, 1884,	17 76
Town of Poland, school money, 1882,	32 92
Town of Poland, school money, 1883,	39 42
J. B. Vance, for road machine,	50 00
M. R. Berry, for old school house,	300 00
B. W. Merrill, guardian of T. J. Brackett,	50 00
O. C. Nelson, cash,	875 00
B. W. Merrill, treasurer, school fund,	319 35
State school fund for 1883,	656 28
State Treasurer, railroad and telegraph tax, 1883,	326 66
B. W. Merrill, for non-resident taxes for 1883,	76 79
B. W. Merrill, collector, cash,	6,415 45
	<hr/> \$9,308 72

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for discount on taxes, paid on or before July 1, 1884,	\$226 90
for discount on taxes, paid on or before Sept. 1, 1884,	20 94
for discount on taxes, paid on or before Nov. 1, 1884,	11 79
for discount on taxes, paid on or before Jan. 1, 1885,	4 01
	<hr/> \$263 64

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS FOR 1883.

Paid J. W. True, selectman, assessor, etc.,	\$97 50	
J. M. Thompson, selectman, assessor, etc.,	84 00	
C. N. Fogg, selectman, assessor, etc.,	46 50	
C. P. Haskell, supervisor of schools,	70 00	
B. W. Merrill, constable,	16 00	
B. W. Merrill, collector's fee, 1883,	79 62	
	<hr/>	\$393 62

DR.

Paid for support of schools, as per bills approved by supervisor,	\$2,880 88	
Unexpended balance,	1,604 31	
	<hr/>	\$4,485 19

CR.

By unexpended balance, Feb. 19, 1884,	\$1,620 18	
Town appropriation,	1,800 00	
State school fund and mill tax, 1883,	656 28	
New Gloucester school fund, due April 23, 1884,	319 35	
Received from town of Poland,	72 34	
Received from town of Gray,	17 04	
	<hr/>	\$4,485 19

SCHOOL HOUSE AT LOWER CORNER.

Paid E. J. Mitchell, for labor for 1883,	\$36 00	
Charles Ayer, for labor for 1883,	36 00	
A. C. Chandler, for labor for 1883,	3 00	
I. H. Keith, for nails, etc.,	1 92	
	<hr/>	\$76 92

WEBBER SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid Sydney W. Bennett, for lot,	\$35 00	
R. C. Pingree & Co., for lumber,	149 65	
D. B. Stevens, for doors, windows, etc.,	59 63	
W. Jordan, for lumber,	9 44	
E. P. Blake, for grading lot,	28 00	
F. A. Copp, for labor,	115 54	

Paid J. F. Pollister, for labor,	\$82 50	
M. C. R. R., for freight on lumber,	15 70	
J. W. Woodman, for express on furniture,	1 09	
E. A. White, for labor,	9 00	
Andrew J. Clark, for labor,	20 00	
S. W. Bennett, for labor,	20 00	
Z. A. Rowe, for labor,	10 00	
M. C. Clark, for drawing lumber, etc.,	23 25	
J. H. Ward, for labor,	4 50	
B. J. R. Small, for labor,	16 50	
C. R. Atwood, for brick,	6 00	
I. H. Keith, for lime, nails, hair, etc.,	47 24	
Coller & Crockett, for sink and pipe,	2 37	
J. W. Perkins, for lead, oil, etc.,	13 06	
Herman Webber, for painting, etc.,	15 40	
Wm. Gray, for graining, etc.,	14 42	
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, for furniture,	48 87	
Frank Cummings, labor on seats,	3 00	
S. F. Hilton, for hauling seats,	2 00	
B. Holt, for plans, etc.,	10 00	
Jabez True, for labor,	6 00	
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		\$768 16

ABATEMENTS ON ASSESSMENTS.

1881.

Leonard Goodrich, poll tax and personal estate,	\$3 11	
Fred Gore, poll tax, not liable,	2 00	
Uriah Jackson, poll tax, not liable,	2 00	
Henry Verrill, poor, poll tax, not liable,	2 00	
Joseph Verrill, in consideration of contribu- tion to support of father,	2 00	
Herbert Wilson, in consideration of contribu- tion to support of father, not of age,	2 00	
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		\$13 11

1882.

Martin Graffam, poll tax, not liable,	\$2 00
Wendell B. Holt, poll tax, not liable,	2 00
Edwin S. Titcomb, poll tax, not liable,	2 00

Henry Verrill, poll tax, poor,	\$2 00	
James K. Hodgkins, poll tax, poor,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 00

1883.

Sumner Bickford, poll tax, not liable,	\$2 00	
F. E. Frieze, poll tax,	2 00	
W. S. Jordan, non-resident poll tax,	2 00	
Henry McIntire, non-resident poll tax,	2 00	
Henry A. Symonds, poll tax, over 70,	2 00	
A. P. Wells, personal estate, residence unknown,	4 90	
A. H. Eveleth, administrator of estate of Simeon Eveleth's personal estate,	12 46	
	<hr/>	\$27 36

1884.

Mrs. C. F. Grandin, bank stock,	\$3 75	
Abatement on school-house taxation, as voted by town,	6 86	
J. I. Sturgis, real estate,	8 75	
Josiah Bartlett, real estate,	4 75	
H. Ward Johnson, real estate,	1 25	
S. L. Haskell, personal estate,	6 25	
H. A. Symonds, poll tax,	2 50	
A. H. Nevens, personal estate,	81	
Wm. Edwards, delinquent highway, 1883,	2 01	
	<hr/>	\$36 39

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Dr.

Paid M. T. Holt, labor approved by C. S. Haskell, 1882,	\$1 12
Samuel Hicks, labor approved by C. S. Haskell, 1882,	6 74
E. N. Gilbert, labor approved by C. S. Haskell, 1882,	4 73
Chandler Berry, labor approved by C. S. Haskell, 1882,	1 25
G. B. Pierce, labor approved by C. S. Haskell, 1882,	3 96
L. C. Berry, labor approved by J. W. True, 1883,	3 00

Paid J. R. Griffin, labor allowed by town,		
1883,	\$3 00	
T. M. Merrill, plank, 1883,	2 00	
B. W. Merrill, road bills, 1883,	221 92	
	<hr/>	\$247 72

1884.

Paid G. W. Taft, for road machine and		
two extra edges,	\$256 00	
M. C. R. R., for freight on machine,	7 60	
J. W. Woodman, express bill on edges,	1 90	
Kendall & Whitney, for tools and		
freight,	6 77	
A. E. Stevens & Co., chain and		
steel bars,	4 85	
T. B. Hussey, for plow and extra		
points,	12 75	
O. C. Nelson, for canvas to cover		
machine,	3 50	
Patrick Maney, for labor,	530 00	
E. P. Blake, for labor,	169 37	
G. Mountfort, for labor,	111 99	
E. Foss, for labor,	106 87	
T. J. Greeley, for labor,	112 50	
W. H. Eveleth, for labor,	61 12	
J. W. Mitchell, for labor,	2 00	
Wm. E. Blake, for labor,	56 25	
C. H. N. Rowe, for labor,	6 37	
O. C. Nelson, for labor,	6 37	
G. W. Ricker, for labor,	75	
C. H. Small, for labor, per bill,	6 25	
J. S. Tarbox, for hauling bridge plank,	5 00	
Fred Blake, for labor,	1 50	
M. T. Holt, for labor,	1 25	
E. P. Blake, for contingent expenses,	4 81	
O. C. Nelson, for powder, etc.,	1 50	
J. H. Ward, for hauling plank for		
bridges,	1 00	

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

DR.

Paid Nicholas Rideout, for railing and labor,	\$4 75	
Jabez True, for stringers for bridge,	2 80	
Joseph Small, for labor,	1 00	
W. Jordan & Co., for lumber,	81 33	
Isaac E. Hayes, for lumber for		
Morse bridge,	14 80	
Geo. Blake & Son, for spikes,	1 30	
Frank Cummings, painting road machine,	4 10	
C. P. Haskell, for contingent expenses,	2 85	
	<hr/>	\$1,591 20

SNOW BILLS.

Paid H. K. Patterson, for breaking roads,	\$8 50	
Nathaniel Johnson, for breaking roads,	8 50	
S. C. Bickford, for breaking roads,	13 01	
P. H. Hubbard, for breaking roads,	27 62	
G. B. Pierce, for breaking roads,	21 24	
F. M. Thayer, for breaking roads,	5 62	
Jabez True, for breaking roads,	7 00	
Sydney Hackett, for breaking roads,	5 63	
Howard Dunn, for breaking roads,	9 62	
M. C. Clark, for breaking roads,	9 63	
J. F. McCann, for breaking roads,	10 56	
J. P. Stinchfield, for breaking roads,	7 25	
Wm. Witham, for breaking roads,	8 37	
J. L. McGuire, for breaking roads,	4 75	
Nelson Chase, for breaking roads,	12 57	
	<hr/>	\$169 87
Abatements for public watering troughs,		32 25
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		\$2,041 04
Amount of bills unpaid, for labor from 1883,		78 95
Amount of snow bills, estimated, unpaid,		143 79
Balance unexpended,		847 04
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		\$3,110 82

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By delinquent highway tax from 1883,	\$560 82	
Amount appropriated by town,	2,500 00	
Sale of road machine,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,110 82

TOWN FARM.

Paid C. A. Andrews, salary as agent,	\$400 00	
C. A. Andrews, to balance account,	60 08	
	<hr/>	\$460 08

PAUPERS OFF THE FARM.

Paid Lafayette Tenney, for board and care of J. A. Verrill for year 1883,	\$13 50
Lafayette Tenney, for board and care of J. A. Verrill,	36 50
Maine Insane Hospital, for board of T. J. Brackett for 1883,	29 40
Maine Insane Hospital, for board of T. J. Brackett,	92 94
Amount paid Andrews & Curtis, for Mrs. Higgins for 1883,	57 61
Dr. F. C. Packard, for Mrs. Higgins for 1883,	5 25
Fitting wood, for Mrs. Higgins for 1883,	1 50
Mary A. Denham, house rent for Mrs. Higgins for 1883,	4 00
Town Greenwood, for Mrs. Higgins for 1883,	70 77
Town Paris, for Mrs. Higgins for 1883,	89 65
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for Mrs. Higgins,	10 00
Expense of removing Mrs. Higgins,	23 95
Geo. Blake & Son, for supplies for Bela Carpenter for 1883,	6 00
Geo. Blake & Son, for supplies for Bela Carpenter,	57 50
R. Gillson, for board, etc., for Bela Carpenter,	13 75
Wilson Bro., for boots for Bela Carpenter,	4 90
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for Bela Carpenter,	14 00
Dr. J. W. Stuart, for medical attend- ance on Henry Sawyer's family,	16 00
Sewall Gross, for supplies for Moses Welch,	28 97

Paid City Calais, for support of F. Harmon's family for 1883,	\$80 00	
P. C. Burgess, for removing Dorcas Pickett,	5 00	
W. F. Hulitt, as sexton on Geo. Yeaton,	3 00	
Frank Harmon's family,	30 00	
Clarissa Berry,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$696 19

PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid Sewall Gross, for supplies for C. R. Strout, Raymond pauper,	\$9 00	
George Blake, for supplies for same,	2 00	
George Blake, supplies for Tim. Berry, Poland pauper,	5 00	
George Blake, supplies for Melville May, Raymond pauper,	3 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, for same,	13 00	
Dr. J. I. Sturgis, supplies for H. S. Edwards, Casco pauper,	10 00	
George Blake, for same,	3 32	
George Blake, supplies for C. E. Morey, Oxford pauper,	5 00	
Sewall Gross, supplies for Nicholas Tripp, Poland pauper,	3 00	
I. H. Keith, supplies for James Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	3 00	
I. H. Keith, supplies for Alfonso Hodgkins, Gray pauper,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$59 32

PAUPERS HAVING NO SETTLEMENT IN STATE.

Paid O. C. Nelson, for care of tramp,	\$1 50	
	<hr/>	\$1 50

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid J. P. Eveleth, for labor,	\$56 02	
Coller & Crockett, for labor and materials,	14 62	

Paid B. J. R. Small, for labor,	\$1 50	
Charles Rice, for lumber,	82	
A. D. Harris, for labor,	19 00	
Nelson Valentine, for labor and lumber,	20 55	
I. H. Keith, for materials,	52 90	
C. H. Small, for irons for conductors,	1 50	
J. P. Eveleth, for blinds,	62 50	
	<hr/>	\$229 41

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid S. F. Hilton, for attending sixteen funerals,	\$32 00	
W. L. Shurtleff, for labor in cemetery,	3 00	
M. C. Clark, for labor in cemetery,	3 00	
W. F. Hulitt, for labor in cemetery,	3 00	
Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, books and stationery,	9 68	
O. C. Nelson, expense to Paris, Portland, and Lewiston,	2 93	
O. C. Nelson, for registered letters and stamps,	3 00	
O. C. Nelson, expenses W. H. Vin- ton, services,	10 00	
J. M. Thompson, expenses to Lew- iston, 1883,	1 75	
H. K. Patterson, for wood, 1883,	3 06	
F. Cummings, repairs on hearse house,	45	
A. L. Richards, contingent expense,	1 60	
B. W. Merrill, collector, balance overdrawn February 19, 1884,	24 81	
	<hr/>	\$98 28
O. C. Nelson, order for money loaned town,	\$875 00	
O. C. Nelson, interest on same,	25 25	
	<hr/>	\$900 25
Total amount of receipts,		\$9,308 72
Total amount of expenditures,	\$8,956 69	
Balance unexpended,	352 03	
	<hr/>	\$9,308 72

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN.

RESOURCES.

Balance in hand of treasurer,	\$352 03	
Amount due from B. W. Merrill, collector,	1,644 41	
R. R. and telegraph tax for 1884,	359 25	
State Mill and School Fund Tax, due		
January, 1885,	624 71	
New Gloucester schools, due Apr. 23, 1885,	288 65	
Due for tuition from Poland,	57 06	
Due from Town of Gray,	21 00	
Due from Town of Poland,	8 00	
Due from Town of Casco,	13 32	
Due from City of Portland,	3 75	
Liquor and casks as per bill,	74 26	
	<hr/>	\$3,446 44

LIABILITIES.

Amount due schools,	\$1,604 31	
Collector's fees for 1884,	177 30	
Town officers for 1884, estimated,	375 00	
Outstanding bills, estimated,	325 00	
Balance in favor of town,	964 84	
	<hr/>	\$3,446 44

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

CHARLES A. ANDREWS, AGENT.

		DR.
Agent's salary,	\$400 00	
Supplies purchased by agent,	1,545 00	
Stock less than last year, in value,	300 00	
Produce, less than last year in value,	175 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,420 00
		CR.
By sales from farm,	\$1,484 92	
By improvement on tools from last year,	30 00	
By board of agent's colt,	25 00	
By balance against the farm,	880 08	
	<hr/>	\$2,420 00

Amount of stock and supplies on the farm: 1 horse, 11 cows, 9 swine, 35 hens, 9 tons hay, 2 tons straw, 200 bushels ears corn, 21 bushels wheat and oats, 18 bushels beans, 300 pounds pork, 50 pounds meat, 15 pounds butter, 100 pounds lard, 30 pounds tallow, 60 pounds ham, 80 bushels potatoes, 2 barrels cider, 15 gallons vinegar, $\frac{2}{3}$ barrel soap, and vegetables sufficient for family use.

Although the balance seems to weigh somewhat heavily against the farm, it should be remembered that the past year has been in some degree unfortunate. The hay crop was very much less than previous years and the feed in the pastures was poor, which increased the expense of keeping the cows and thereby reduced the net income from the dairy.

The poor on the farm have been well cared for in sickness and health, and too much commendation cannot be given to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews for the interest and pride they take in having the poor committed to their care present a neat and comely appearance wherever met. This is as it should be, and the farm pay the bills as far forth as it can, and the balance be met from some other source. The stock gave evidence of good feeding and kind care. The farm shows Mr. Andrews to be a neat and careful farmer. The number of poor on the farm is four. Dorcas Pickett and Mary Hatch, two of the inmates, have died the past year. Mrs. Harriet Higgins was removed to the farm in September, where she still remains.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Mrs. Harriet Higgins of Paris, who was reported by our predecessors as being partially supported by the town, and who continued to be a town charge, and as the prospect was that she would never become self-supporting, she was removed to the farm. Frank Harmon, of Calais, whose family became chargeable last year, has left them to care for themselves, and as they could not be self-supporting, it was deemed for the interest of the town to make an arrangement with Mrs. Harmon the first of December to allow her \$2.50 per week towards the support of herself and six children, which arrangement continues at the present time. Thomas J. Brackett is still at the Insane Asylum, with no improvement in his mental condition, and is reported to

be gradually wearing out. His pension now partially supports him. Notice was received a few days since from North Yarmouth that Deborah Tripp had become chargeable, having fallen and dislocated her hip. Arrangements are now being made to remove her to our town farm.

At the last annual meeting it pleased the town, after deciding to repair the roads by a money tax, to impose the new duty of serving as road commissioners upon your selectmen. Whatever motive inspired this new departure, your selectmen resolved to meet this new responsibility to the best of their ability. Feeling that the road machine which the town already owned in comparison with others was nearly worthless, a new Champion road machine was purchased, which proves for itself more than its most ardent friends presumed to claim. The next step was to secure a man to handle the road machine and act as foreman of the crew, who would be master of his business, and a team that could be skillfully handled to draw the machine and that was trained to hard work. In seeking for these necessary adjuncts, all private wishes and local claims were disregarded, and such selections made as we felt sure would be for the interest of the town. The amount of work done on roads and bridges the past year and the condition in which they have been kept is well known to the citizens of the town and needs no comment here. As we retire from the duty assigned us, we have the satisfaction of reporting to you that the work done, including all snow bills and the purchase of a road machine, and all necessary tools at a cost of \$283, which remain nearly as good as new, will draw from your treasury but a fraction over \$1,900, leaving from the amount which was available for road purposes the past year an unexpended balance of \$847.04. It would seem that the day of the old-fashioned plow, scraper, and *standing out taxes* in repairing roads should be considered past, and that it is for the interest of the town to continue the new system for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

OTIS C. NELSON,

CHARLES P. HASKELL,

A. LORING RICHARDS,

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, etc.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1884.

Dr.

To Pauper expenses, town of No. Berwick,	\$22 00	
Pauper expenses, town of Raymond,	82 30	
Pauper expenses, town of Poland,	16 00	
Pauper expenses, town of Oxford,	11 75	
School money, 1883, town of Gray,	17 04	
School money, 1882, town of Poland,	32 92	
School money, 1883, town of Poland,	39 42	
School money, 1884, town of Gray,	17 76	
Old Road Machine, J. B. Vance,	50 00	
Old School-House, District No. 1,	300 00	
Cash, B. W. Merrill, Guardian for Thomas J. Brackett,	50 00	
Loan from O. C. Nelson,	875 00	
B. W. Merrill, Treasurer, School Fund,	319 35	
Cash from State Treasurer, School Fund for 1883,	656 28	
Cash from State Treasurer, Railroad and Telegraph Tax, 1883,	326 66	
B. W. Merrill, for non-resident taxes for 1883,	76 79	
Cash from Collector, 1884,	6,415 45	
	<hr/>	\$9,308 72

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By Town Orders taken up,	\$8,956 69	
N. R. tax deeds held by Treasurer,	58 93	
Cash in Treasury,	293 10	
	<hr/>	\$9,308 72

M. R. BERRY, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF THE EZRA TOBIE
FUND FOR THE YEAR 1884.

Amount received from the fund,		\$30 00
Amount paid out for the benefit of pau-		
pers on the town farm,	\$25 00	
Amount paid to the poor of the town not		
on the farm,	5	
	—	\$30 00

S. H. CHANDLER, *Trustee.*

New Gloucester, Feb. 23, 1885.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

To the Citizens of New Gloucester :

The Supervisor of Schools would respectfully ask leave to submit his annual report :

The whole number of children in town between the ages of 4 and 21 years, on the first day of April, 1884, was	400
Whole number attending Summer Schools,	202
Average number attending Summer Schools,	182
Whole number attending Fall Schools,	190
Average number attending Fall Schools,	163
Whole number attending Winter Schools,	240
Average number attending Winter Schools,	201

RESOURCES.

Amount in the treasury available for school purposes, after all outstanding bills were paid, Feb. 25, 1884,	\$119 16
Amount voted by the town,	1,800 00
Received from State mill tax, due Jan. 1, 1884,	460 05
Received from State school fund,	196 23
Received from town school fund,	319 35
Received from town of Gray, for tuition,	17 76
Due from non-residents, for tuition (estimated),	57 06
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	\$2,969 61

EXPENDITURES.

Paid teachers' wages for Summer Schools, including board,	\$722 50
teachers' wages for Fall Schools, including board,	505 00
teachers' wages for Winter Schools, including board,	1,120 50
for wood for use in 1884,	76
for care of school buildings,	19 10
for cleaning school-houses,	9 25
for contingent expenses,	18 13
Nathan E. Fickett, proportion of school money, 1884,	13 70

Paid Elbridge Titcomb, proportion of school money, 1884,	\$6 85
District No. 10, proportion of money for 1884,	41 10
Due George S. Wilson, proportion of money for 1884,	6 85
Frank Edwards, proportion of money for 1884,	20 55
John L. Megguire, proportion of money for 1884,	6 85
for wood and coal for use in 1885 (estimated),	155 00
for care of school buildings,	37 00
outstanding bills for wood and coal for use in 1884, and contingent expenses (estimated),	90 00
underestimates last year,	2 61
	<hr/> \$2,775 75
Leaving a balance in hands of the treasurer	\$193 86

TABULA VIEW OF SCHOOLS.

SUMMER TERM.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. pupils registered.	Average No. in attendance.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teachers per week exclusive of board.	Wages of teachers per month exclusive of board.	Price paid per week for board.	Average cost per pupil per term.	Amt. paid teachers including board.
1	Zilpha S. Prince.	34	31	10	\$6 00		\$2 50	\$2 50	\$85 00
2	Sadie A. Tarbox.	22	20	10	5 00		2 50	3 40	75 00
3	Vesta F. Edgecomb.	19	18	10	5 00		2 00	3 56	70 00
4	Carrie B. Watts.	15	12	10	4 00		2 25	4 16	62 50
5	Abbie S. Jordan.	20	18	10	4 50		2 00	3 25	65 00
6	Maggie J. Small.	31	26	10	5 00		2 50	2 41	75 00
7	Mabel L. Bailey.	18	12	10	3 00		2 00	2 77	50 00
8	Mary L. Bickford.	16	14	10	3 40		2 10	3 43	55 00
9	Ada S. Cummings.	14	12	8	3 00		2 00	2 85	40 00
10	(Annexed to Poland.)								
11	Edith True.	11	9	10	3 00		2 00	4 54	50 00
12	Dora M. Thurlow.	4	4	10	3 00		2 00	12 50	50 00
13	Mary L. Holmes.	8	6	10	2 50		2 00	5 62	45 00

Total amount paid teachers, including board,

\$722 50

FALL TERM.

Number of School.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. pupils registered.	Average No. in attendance.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teachers per week exclusive of board.	Wages of teachers per month exclusive of board.	Price paid per week for board.	Average cost per pupil per term.	Amt. paid teachers including board.
1	Mary A. Bass.	31	26	8	\$5 25		\$2 50	\$2 00	\$62 00
2	Sadie A. Tarbox.	25	23	8	6 00		2 50	2 72	68 00
3	Vesta F. Edgecomb.	18	15	8	5 00		2 50	3 33	60 00
4	Carrie B. Watts.	11	10	8	4 00		2 25	4 54	50 00
5	Abbie S. Jordan.	21	19	8	4 50		2 00	2 47	52 00
6	Maggie J. Small.	30	27	8	5 00		2 50	2 00	60 00
7	Mabel L. Bailey.	20	15	8	3 00		2 00	2 00	40 00
8	(No fall term).								
9	(No fall term).								
10	(Annexed to Poland).								
11	Mary L. Bickford.	12	11	8	3 50		2 00	3 66	44 00
12	Dora M. Thurlow.	14	11	8	3 00		2 00	2 85	40 00
13	Mary L. Holmes.	8	6	62-5	2 50		2 00	3 62	29 00

Total amount paid teachers, including board,

\$505 00

WINTER TERM.

1	Mary A. Bass.	34	27-	12	\$6 25		\$2 50	\$3 08	\$105 00
2	George P. Morgan.	30	28	12		\$32 00	2 00	4 00	120 00
3	Vesta F. Edgecomb.	21	17	12	6 00		2 50	4 85	102 00
4	Sadie A. Tarbox.	14	13	12	6 00		2 50	7 28	102 00
5	Abbie S. Jordan.	24	21	12	6 00		2 00	4 00	96 00
6	Maggie J. Small.	36	30	12	6 00		2 50	2 83	102 00
7	Mabel L. Bailey.	17	12	12	3 75		2 25	4 24	72 00
8	Mary L. Bickford.	16	12	12	4 50		2 00	4 87	78 00
9	Ada S. Cummings.	21	20	16	4 00		2 00	4 57	96 00
10	(Annexed to Poland).								
11	Joseph S. True.	8	6	12		20 00	2 00	10 50	84 00
12	Charles H. Nelson.	10	8	12		24 50	2 00	9 75	97 50
13	Dora M. Thurlow.	9	7	12	3 50		2 00	7 33	66 00

Total amount paid teachers, including board,

\$1,120 50

SCHOOL No. 1—LOWER CORNER.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Zilpha S. Prince of Turner. Her fine attainments made her familiar with every branch of our school work at sight, which relieved her in a great measure from the confinement of a text-book during recitation. This qualification,

coupled with that of a ready teaching power, gave the school the advantage of the best of instruction, which could not fail to show some good results.

The Fall and Winter Terms were taught by Miss Mary A. Bass of Wilton, a teacher of much experience, and who came to us with the best of recommendations. As a disciplinarian she was firm and persistent, and strove with commendable zeal to bring the school under a healthy discipline, and no effort was spared to give the needed instruction and make it both plain and thorough. Though the degree of interest and orderly neatness on the part of some of the pupils was not such as is desirable, or as becomes the age and rank of those found in this school, yet these terms were not without profit.

SCHOOL No. 2—UPPER CORNER.

The Summer and Fall Terms were taught with much success by Miss Sadie A. Tarbox of Portland.

The Winter Term was under the care of Mr. George P. Morgan, who received a cordial welcome from his pupils, being known to them as neighbor, teacher, disciplinarian, and instructor. As a faithful and able worker he needs no words here of commendation; it is sufficient to say that the work so well begun by his predecessor, was continued on well defined lines, and brought to a successful issue. The past year has been one of much profit to this school.

SCHOOL No. 3—BALD HILL.

The three terms of this school were in charge of Miss Vesta F. Edgecomb of Turner, who was favorably known as a teacher in our schools the previous year. A good disciplinarian, thorough in scholarship and in her methods of instruction, these qualifications told well for the good of her school. The deportment of the pupils was excellent, and their regular attendance, except when sickness intervened, is a good indication of commendable interest, which, if well maintained and coupled with the fine talent which this school contains, must give it good rank among the best in town.

SCHOOL No. 4—COBB'S BRIDGE.

The Summer and Fall Terms were taught by Miss Carrie B. Watts, who had charge of the school for the three previous terms. Though the interest on the part of the pupils was not quite what is desirable, yet her work the present year in faithfulness and efficiency will compare favorably with former terms. Miss Watts has long and successfully been connected with our schools as a teacher, and when

she resigned her position to assume new relations, she carried with her the kindest regards and best wishes of the many pupils who had sat under her instruction, and also of a multitude of friends.

The Winter Term was under the care of Miss Sadie A. Tarbox of Portland, whose school work has already been alluded to in connection with school No. 2. It is sufficient here to say that there was on the part of the pupils a united interest, well maintained throughout the term, which insured the success of the school.

SCHOOL No. 5—BEAR BROOK.

Miss Abbie S. Jordan had the care of this school through the year. Having taught the previous Winter Term with good acceptance, the work then begun was well continued through the past year. Untidiness and disorder have no place in or about her school-room. And at the close of each term her classes give evidence of a good degree of interest and that their instruction has been both timely and clear. Favorably as Miss Jordan's schools have been often reported, the result of her work the past year shows that it was some of her best.

SCHOOL NO. 6—HARRIS HILL.

Miss Maggie J. Small of Westbrook taught the three terms of this school. She was no stranger, having had charge of this school two terms the previous year. Her presence in the school-room is such as to inspire confidence and command respect, causing discipline to enforce itself. Fertile in resource, able in teaching power, and untiring in her work, her pupils show by their increased interest and studious habits that they appreciate her efforts in their behalf. Under such circumstances it could not well be otherwise than that the past year should prove one of marked success to this school.

SCHOOL NO. 7—POND.

Miss Mabel L. Bailey had charge of this school through the year. It was her first experience at teaching, and she brought to her work good scholarship, a mild discipline, and an earnest desire to make that work a success. This school is noted for its large proportion of small pupils; with an average of fifteen attending the Fall Term, twelve were in the primer class. There is good talent in this school and has been in the past, but until the pupils will remain longer in school and improve the opportunities afforded them, this school cannot take that rank among our schools that its friends desire it should.

SCHOOL No. 8—WEBBER'S.

As the school-house was being repaired there was no Fall Term. The Summer and Winter Terms were taught by Miss Mary L. Bickford. The rank of this school in deportment, interest, and proficiency has long been good, and in these respects the past year has been no exception to the general rule; showing that the teacher's good discipline, well-directed and earnest instruction, and kindly manner, brought good results to this school.

SCHOOL No. 9—SHAKER'S.

This school as usual held only a Summer and Winter Term, the latter continuing sixteen weeks. As in former years Miss Ada S. Cummings had charge of this school, and well did she discharge the trust confided to her. The closing examination indicated a good degree of interest and work on the part of the pupils. The general exercises, consisting of reading, speaking, original compositions, and singing, were a credit to the school.

SCHOOL No. 11—MEADOW BROOK.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Edith True who has long been well-known as a teacher in our schools and this term showed some of her best work. The Fall Term was under the care of Miss Mary L. Bickford, whose characteristics as a teacher have already been referred to in connection with School No. 8.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Joseph S. True under whose instruction the school worked with much profit the preceding Winter Term, so that he entered upon his work with every assurance that it would prove a success. This school has increased in numbers the past year, which, with one so small could hardly fail to add in a measure to its interest. The deportment of the pupils for the three terms was quite correct. As a working school its rank has been commendable, and the classes gave evidence by their recitations at the close of each term of good drill, that hard work had been done, and as a result the past year has proved a successful one to this school.

SCHOOL No. 12—PENNEY'S.

The Summer and Fall Terms of this school were in charge of Miss Dora M. Thurlow who gave her best efforts to advance the interests of her pupils and not without favorable results.

The Winter Term was taught by Mr. Charles H. Nelson, who had previously labored in this school with much acceptance, so that at the

outset he received from his pupils a cordial welcome, which is always strongly indicative that the term's work will prove one of profit, which was the case in this instance to a good degree. At the closing examination the classes showed good knowledge of their studies, such as would be the result of thorough work.

The primary class in this school, though not able to attend the last half of this term is deserving of favorable mention.

SCHOOL No. 13.—BICKFORD'S.

The Summer and Fall Terms were under the instruction of Miss Mary L. Holmes, who here entered upon the teacher's work for the first time. Her tact and intelligence enabled her to win the good will of her pupils, enforce a pleasant yet efficient discipline, and show good teaching power. The appearance of her classes at the close of the Summer Term was quite satisfactory. The Fall Term opened well, but closed a week prematurely on account of the illness of the teacher, and was not visited a second time.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Dora M. Thurlow, who had previously labored much in this school with good acceptance, and the result of this term's work was no exception to those under her tuition that have preceded it.

GENERAL REMARKS.

By the foregoing reports it will be seen that the past year has been one of prosperity to our schools. The school-rooms, with perhaps one exception, have been neatly kept; in some instances pictures have adorned the walls, and in their season plants and flowers have been brought to add by their fragrance and beauty, to the attractiveness of the school-room. Too much commendation cannot be given to those teachers who are scrupulously careful of the appearance of their school-room, and who strive to make it as inviting and refining as circumstances will permit, for it is needful that the children should spend their school hours surrounded by every influence that will constantly remind them of the etiquette of the sitting-room rather than the shop. Thirteen pupils have been able to complete the graduating course, and publicly performed honorable graduating parts, and received their diplomas from the hand of the State Superintendent of public schools, who honored the occasion by his presence. This new system works well for the schools, developing a degree of interest on the part of the pupils, beyond what was at first effected. The A class worked from a motive, to accomplish a definite purpose, and in some instances with a degree of application and interest seldom seen in our schools, and the B and C classes are looking for-

ward and discussing the work needed to be done, to enable them to take their places in the A class, accomplish an honorable graduation, and publicly receive the town's commendation. The thirteen graduates came from four schools, or more properly from six, as two of them left their own schools, the last term, to unite with one where they could have the advantages of class associations. Their names, and the schools from whence they came are as follows: Upper Corner—Arthur A. Cummings, Charles P. Holmes, George L. Eveleth, Delia I. Griffin, Alice S. Townsend, Grace E. Curtis, Mabel Thayer, and Gertrude L. Brown; Harris Hill—Mabel G. Russell, Emma S. Thurlow; Bear Brook—Susie E. Day, Alice Cunningham; Meadow Brook—Mary E. Jordan. A considerably larger class can qualify themselves to graduate at the close of another year, if they are able to attend the three terms of school.

Of the sixteen different teachers employed during the year, four were graduates of Westbrook Seminary, one of Castine Normal School, one of Portland High School, one was a student in college, two had received academic instruction, and seven were educated in town, three of them being graduates from our schools.

The disadvantages arising from the frequent change of teachers have been avoided as far as possible. In six schools the same teachers remained for the year; in five there was but one change; and in one there was a change each term. It is worthy of note that while the whole number of scholars in town is slightly decreasing each year, the aggregate and average attendance at school has increased the past year, which indicates a greater degree of interest in school work.

The Webber school-house has been removed to a new lot and thoroughly repaired, and is now one of the most convenient and best appointed school-rooms in town. Some outside painting still needs to be done and the lot should be suitably fenced. The school-house at Bear Brook is still in an unsatisfactory condition, and the needs of the school for better accommodation should receive favorable consideration. An appropriation should be made to fence, complete the grading and build a water course in front of the school-house lot at the Lower Corner. The school-house at the Upper Corner needs to be re-plastered, and it would seem unwise to put new plastering on the old ceiling, subject as it is to the spring of the hall floor above. It would be better to put up a new ceiling to hold the plastering, entirely independent and free from the jar and spring of the hall floor. To do this and the necessary painting, would require something of an appropriation, and it is a favorable time to consider if some satisfactory plan cannot be devised to arrange an entrance to the hall entirely independent of the entrance to the school-room, and at the same time

make the school-room more convenient and pleasant. Out of the appropriation placed in the hands of the Supervisor for the repairs of school buildings, besides minor repairs, painting has been done on the school-houses at Harris Hill and the Lower Corner, and blinds have been put on three school-houses, namely: Meadow Brook, Webber's, and Lower Corner. A small appropriation for the general repair of school buildings should be continued the coming year.

In closing, I will thank the teachers for their consideration and co-operation in carrying out such plans as promised for the good of the schools, and also the pupils for their friendly and courteous reception during my official intercourse with them.

CHARLES P. HASKELL,

Supervisor of Schools.

New Gloucester, Feb. 27, 1885.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

To BENJAMIN W. MERRILL, a constable of the town of New Gloucester, in the County of Cumberland, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of New Gloucester, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town, on the ninth day of March, A.D. 1885, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1st.

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2d.

To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3d.

To receive and allow accounts.

ARTICLE 4th.

To hear and act on reports.

ARTICLE 5th.

To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for contingent expenses.

ARTICLE 7th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of schools.

ARTICLE 8th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

ARTICLE 9th.

To see in what manner the sum of money voted for the repair of roads and bridges shall be raised.

ARTICLE 10th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to allow per hour for labor on the highway, for men, oxen, and horses.

ARTICLE 11th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and build a Town House, and what sum of money they will vote to raise for that purpose.

ARTICLE 12th.

To see if the town will vote to repair the Town House, and how much money shall be raised for the same.

ARTICLE 13th.

To see if the town will vote to build a dwelling-house on the town farm, and what sum of money shall be raised for the same.

ARTICLE 14th.

To see if the town will vote to fence and finish grading the school-house lot, at the Lower Corner, and build a water course in front of said lot, and what sum of money you will raise for the same.

ARTICLE 15th.

To see if the town will vote to enlarge the school-house lot at Bear Brook, and move the school-house to a suitable point on said lot, as enlarged, and repair said house, and what sum of money shall be raised for the same.

ARTICLE 16th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase a lot and build a school-house at Bear Brook, known as District No. 5, and how much money you will raise for the same.

ARTICLE 17th.

To see if the town will vote to repair the school-house at the Upper Corner, and how much money you will raise for the same.

ARTICLE 18th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the school-houses in repair.

ARTICLE 19th.

To see if the town will vote to be its own insurers on its school property.

ARTICLE 20th.

To see if the town will vote to allow John B. Sawyer, George S. Wilson, Francis Edwards, Nathan E. Fickett, and John L. Megguier to draw their proportion of school money.

ARTICLE 21st

To see if the town will vote to allow John B. Sawyer to draw his proportion of school money for the years 1883 and 1884.

ARTICLE 22d.

To see if the town will vote to cut down the hill between the house of Jabez Merchant and Benjamin Morse, and how much money shall be raised for the same.

ARTICLE 23d.

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the town way between the house of John R. Griffin and the Collins house, so called.

ARTICLE 24th.

To see if the town will vote to purchase land and enlarge the cemetery near the Free Baptist Meeting House, and what sum of money shall be raised for that purpose.

ARTICLE 25th.

To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to keep the hearse and cemeteries in repair.

ARTICLE 26th.

To see if the town will vote to set grave stones for the poor that have died on the Town Farm, and what sum of money shall be raised for that purpose.

ARTICLE 27th.

To see if the town will vote to set grave stones for the late Mrs. Susan Curney, and how much money you will raise for the same.

ARTICLE 28th.

To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell the old hearses.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Town House, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on said day of meeting.

Given under our hands, at New Gloucester, this twenty-fourth day of February, A.D. 1885.

OTIS C. NELSON,
CHAS. P. HASKELL,
A. L. RICHARDS,

Selectmen of New Gloucester.





